

CAPSULE SUMMARY

SM-850

Penerine Tobacco Barn

Colton's Point Road

Avenue Vicinity

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Penerine Tobacco Barn is located on the west side of Colton Point Road. The barn is has an unusual massing, being very long for its relatively short height. The barn measures one-hundred-and-a-half feet by twenty-and-a-half feet and reaches only twenty-four feet at the roof's peak. Penerine has an unusual internal framing system with only the north, east and west walls having continuous sills supporting posts and downbraces as is typical in tobacco barns. Posts on the south wall are earthfast and supported with upbraces. This configuration possibly suggests an original shed on the barn's south elevation. The barn showed evidence of a floored room in its easternmost bay where either storage stripping likely took place. The barn's timbers are hand-hewn with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. In addition to a steep gable, evidence suggests this barn dates to the first half of the nineteenth century.

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For additional documentation of this resource see the "Southern Maryland Tobacco
Barn Project"; call number FRR Mary 21

Capsule Summary

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Tobacco Barn on Penerine

Avenue

Private

1830-1870

Subtle clues on the exteriors of tobacco barns can often signal the date and significance of the building. At the Tobacco Barn on Penerine, the vertical board clad exterior walls, the raised-seam metal roof, and the three opposing pairs of double-doors appear to suggest that the barn dates to the twentieth century. The relatively steep angle of the roof and the exposed ends of the wall ties present in the cornice, however, provide some evidence that the barn more probably dates from between 1830-1870. Further architectural research could determine a more precise date along with the methods of construction.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-850

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Tobacco Barn on Penerine

other

2. Location

street and number SW side of Colton's Point Rd. approx. 1/2 mile NW of int w/Oakley Road not for publication

city, town Avenue vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Penerine Inc c/o Bernard Bailey

street and number 21425 Montford Road telephone N/a

city, town Bushwood state Md zip code 20618-2406

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-38, P-30

city, town Leonardtown liber 245 folio 180

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tobacco Barn at Penerine is located on the southwest side of Colton's Point Rd. approx. ½ mile northwest of its intersection with Oakley Road near the rural crossroads community of Avenue, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the barn is situated in the middle of a cultivated field and larger 72.93 acre farm. Only the one acre immediately around the barn was surveyed. The property is bounded by residential lots to the north and south, a wooded parcel to the west, and the road to the east.

The Tobacco Barn at Penerine is a rectangular plan building with a gable roof. The exterior walls are sheathed with vertical boards and the roof is covered with raised-seam metal. The cornice has been left open, and the main transverse ties project to the exterior. The gable ends of the building do not contain any entrances, but the side-gables each feature three opposing sets of double doors. Judging from the cornice treatment, pitch of the roof, and relative size of the barn, it appears to date from circa 1830-1870. Further architectural investigations should look on the interior to determine the exact date and method of construction.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 72.93 acres
Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by residential lots to the north and south, a wooded parcel to the west, and Colton's Point Road to the east. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 245, Folio 180.

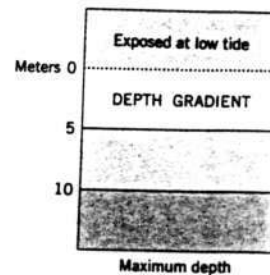
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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○ State Route



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PHOTOREVISED 1974
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
DMA 5660 IV SE-SERIES V833

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Avenue
St. Mary's County
Rock Point Quad



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Kirk Ranzetta

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